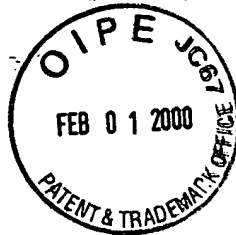


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to final rejection the Office Action dated November 22, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend patent claims 1-3 and 6-18 as follows:

-- 1. (Twice amended) A composition comprising nucleic acid molecules

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